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USABILITY ENHANCEMENTS

Mapping Library Locations

Locations information in reQuest has been integrated with Google maps so that users can click on a button beside a library holding to see that library’s location on a map and get directions to the library from any location.

New usability enhancements for the statewide library catalog (reQuest) are in the works:

• RSS Feeds will provide automatic updates to catalog searches
• Carts will allow patrons to create a wishlist of items they would like to read, have read, or would like to request through ILL.

Soon, we will be issuing a bid that will encompass all iCONN databases except: HeritageQuest; Newspapers; AP Images; and all college-only databases. The implementation date is July 1, 2009.

Auto-Graphics is developing a new user interface for the statewide library catalog (reQuest) - stay tuned!

HeritageQuest

HeritageQuest is the most heavily used database in iCONN for public library users. Because of the heavy use, a button for HeritageQuest has now been placed directly on the Keyword Search screen to make it easier for public library users to find.

Popular Magazines

New Popular Magazine pages have been added to the Public library users’ keyword screen as well as to the Classic menu pages for elementary, middle, and high schools. The popular magazines pages have graphical icons linked to the most heavily used magazine titles in iCONN.

Search Box Added to Classic Menus

The new classic elementary and middle school menu pages now have an iCONN search box. The search box on these pages has been customized to automatically search only the resources that appear on their respective pages.
As of December 31, 2008, 439 libraries of all types were included in reQuest, the statewide library catalog. These libraries contributed 21.6 million holdings. 16 libraries contributed records to reQuest for the first time in 2008. They include:

- Chalk Hill Middle School
- Clark Memorial Library
- Eastford Elementary School
- Fawn Hollow Elementary School
- Hanover Elementary School
- Jockey Hollow Middle School
- John Berry Elementary School
- May Memorial Library
- Nathan Hale Elementary School in Meriden
- North Woodstock Library
- Stamford High School
- West Woodstock Library

For questions about contributing holdings to reQuest for the first time or submitting updated holdings, please contact Gail Hurley, ghurley@cslib.org, 860-704-2222 or toll free at 888-256-1222, or visit the contributing records page at: http://iconn.auto-graphics.com/staff/ContributingHoldings.aspx.

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